

# *2008 Carlsbad To Karlovy Vary Vocal Competition*

## *Invitation to Singers*

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

**Application Deadline: February 8, 2008**

### *To Singers, Voice Teachers, Ensemble Directors and Friends of Vocal Music:*

Trained singers aspiring to music careers are invited to participate in the third biennial Carlsbad to Karlovy Vary Vocal Competition on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Schulman Auditorium in Carlsbad. We urge you to make this opportunity known to students and colleagues in vocal music covering the opera repertoire.

The Carlsbad to Karlovy Vary Vocal Competition, held in even-numbered years, celebrates the sister cities relationship between these communities by creating local and international opportunities for young opera singers from Southern California. The First Place Winner will represent Carlsbad in the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Antonin Dvořák Vocal Competition in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic held for seven days during the first two weeks November 2008. Cash prizes will also be awarded.

The Carlsbad Sister Cities Program provides the winner of our competition with round-trip airfare and payment of

entry fees to the Dvořák Competition. Karlovy Vary hosts contestants to free lodging, accompanists and hospitality during that Competition. Our Carlsbad entrant receives special assistance and attention from Karlovy Vary's International Affairs Office. Contestants not only participate in a celebrated international competition but also meet representatives from many European opera houses. Dvořák Competition award winners have received contracts for roles throughout Europe and recognition that has helped to jumpstart operatic careers. Since 2000, Carlsbad singers have placed strongly in international fields of 50 to 100 entrants, taking Finalist, Third Place Winner in the Women's Division, Special Prize for Non-Czech Singers of Dvořák in Czech, Special Prize for Interpretation of Mozart and a contracted role with the Prague State Opera.

Questions may be referred to Colleen Finnegan in the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office: 760/434-2900 or [cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us) Thank you for your support!



## AWARDS AND DVOŘÁK COMPETITION INFORMATION

The First Place prize award includes a cash prize of \$400 and provision of round-trip airfare, traveler's medical insurance and entrance fees for the International Antonin Dvořák Vocal Competition in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic in November 2008.

The Second Place prize is a cash award of \$300. The Third Place prize is a cash award of \$200. Two Honorable Mention prizes of \$100 will be awarded to one male and one female singer.

The Dvořák Competition requires specific repertoire for each of three elimination rounds. All applicants to the Carlsbad Competition should feel confident that they will be able to perform all required repertoire for the Dvořák Competition, including the Czech language piece. Applicants are strongly advised to examine the listed requirements on the Competition's website, <http://www.mpcad.cz/eng/index.html>



## COMPETITION PROCESS



1. Two rounds of competition will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2008 in the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library Complex, 1775 Dove Lane at 6900 El Camino Real. The 2008 Judges are retired international operatic tenor Elliot Palay and soprano, author and music instructor Carol Plantamura. The competition piano is a Steinway Art Case Concert Grand. A warm-up room with piano will be provided and scheduled throughout the day.

2. Round One will begin at 10am. Contestants will be notified via phone or email by February 15, 2008 with their assigned times for Round One. Contestant must be present to sing in Round Two if selected to advance. Rounds are open to the public as audience members.

Repertoire: each Contestant will submit a list of five arias, to be sung in the original key and language. All music must be memorized. In Round One, each Contestant will sing one work of her/his choosing. Attire will be traditional recital/competition dress: jackets and ties for men, floor- or ankle-length skirts for women.

3. Round Two will take place in the afternoon, following a lunch break. Starting time will be determined depending upon the number of participants.

Repertoire: Finalists will select one work that was NOT sung in Round One. During either round, at the discretion of the judges, applicant may be asked to sing an aria of the judges' choosing.

4. Awards will be announced at the end of Round Two.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Age requirements reflect Dvořák Competition regulations: Women must be 30 years of age or younger throughout 2008. Men must be 32 years of age or younger throughout 2008. All applicants to Carlsbad's competition must be 18 years or older in February 2008.

2. Applicant must be a current resident of one of the following counties: San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura or Santa Barbara. Applicants must be ready to show proof of residency upon request.

3. Applicant must provide her/his own accompanist. Referrals to San Diego accompanists who have served the Competition are available upon request.

4. The First Place Winner of the Carlsbad to Karlovy Vary Vocal Competition must be able to attend the International Dvořák Competition and meet its eligibility and repertoire requirements. A valid passport will be required at that time.

5. Please submit applications on the provided Application Form.

6. Copy of current valid driver's license or legal ID stating birth date must be included with each application.

7. A \$15.00 competition fee by check payable to "Carlsbad Friends of the Arts" must be included with each application.

8. Applications must be POSTMARKED by Friday, February 8, 2008.

Mail completed Application and required materials to:

Vocal Competition  
Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office  
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive  
Carlsbad, California 92008

9. In the case of an overflow of applicants, contestant may be asked to provide a letter of recommendation from her/his vocal instructor or ensemble director.

To request Application Form and Guidelines or for all questions regarding eligibility, guidelines, application process, etc. please contact Colleen Finnegan, Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office: 760/434-2900 [cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us)

*A Winners Concert will be arranged for performance at the Schulman Auditorium in Carlsbad, to take place prior to November 2008, date subject to participants' schedules. The First Place Award Winner is required to participate; other award winners' participation will be negotiated. Fees will be paid to all performers.*

*\*In the case that the applicant does not meet all items of eligibility, s/he may be disqualified from participating and/or receiving prizes at the discretion of the Judges and Carlsbad Sister City Committee.*



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## APPLICATION

*Please photocopy this form for your use.*

Please type or print clearly and mail by postmark deadline Friday February 8, 2008 to:  
Vocal Competition Carlsbad Arts Office 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive Carlsbad CA 92008

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	Website (if any)	
Birthplace	Birth Date: month-day-year		

PROOF OF BIRTHDATE, RECENT PHOTO AND ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

Circle current resident county: circle one    #Years as County Resident: \_\_\_\_\_  
SD LA Orange Riverside Imperial San Bernardino Ventura Santa Barbara

College or University	Degrees/Scholarships
Private Vocal Study:	

Teachers/years, beginning with current \_\_\_\_\_ Total yrs vocal study \_\_\_\_\_

Voice Category \_\_\_\_\_ Performance Experience: please attach a resume

ARIA/SONG LIST FOR THIS COMPETITION Aria/Song-Opera-Composer-Language

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*I have read, understood, and agree to abide by all the requirements and rules listed in the Competition guidelines and application form. I will provide my own accompanist. I agree that I meet all rules of eligibility for this Competition.*

Applicant  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed and completed application \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Legal ID

\_\_\_\_\_ Competition fee of \$15.00 made payable to Carlsbad Friends of the Arts